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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Henry S. Ptasinski et al. Examiner: Ramsey Refai  
Serial No.: 09/619,553 Group Art Unit: 2152  
Filed: July 19, 2000 Docket No: BU1104/0033-031001  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR VERIFYING CONNECTIVITY AMONG  
NODES IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK

**PETITION FOR A TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Non-Final Response mailed March 3, 2006, said period of response being extended from June 3, 2006 to August 3, 2006.

**PTO-2038 Credit Card Form authorizing the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.**

Respectfully Submitted

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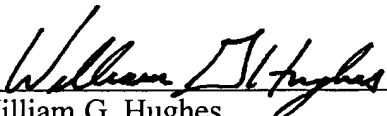
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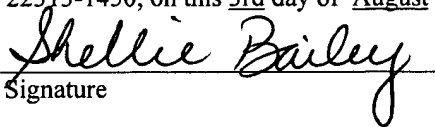
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